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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

You may remember that you were a major source of information for me and a tremendous help for me when I finished my doctoral dissertation at The Pennsylvania State University in 1985. After a short stint at La Salle University in Philadelphia I went to James Madison University. I wasn't totally happy there (I was informed that Kennedy assassination/Warren Commission work was more suited for a historian--not a communication scholar). So I abandoned my research on the Warren Commission/Hoover book and co-authored a rather boring textbook on conflict management. However, my heart was still with the events of November 22, 1963.

To make a long story short, I went looking for a school that would have a little more respect for my assassination research. I have ended up at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington campus (on the coast of North Carolina). I am much happier here; the real estate prices here are unbelievably low and I bought a house. I think I will be here for quite awhile.

The more I read and the more time goes by the more I believe that a coup d'etat took place in this country on November 22, 1963. I saw you on a videotape I bought ("Reasonable Doubt"), and show it to my decision-making class. The students all leave the class shaking their heads in disbelief. I agree with the comments you have made that I have read about Stone's JFK. The only amusement I get out of that is that it has driven David Belin nuts, and that I enjoy tremendously! CBS did a very deceptive piece last week (with Dan Earl Warren Rather)--I use it in my persuasion class when discussing non-sequiturs and evasion of arguments--it was CBS at its shoddy journalist best.

Recently I read Mark Lane's book, Plausible Denial. The revelations about Bush and Operation Zapata were rather eye-opening. Any thoughts on this?

I am finally getting a book published in which I will write about the Warren

Commission. It is a book that I am editing and contributing to (a chapter about the Warren Commission). Other scholars across the country are going to contribute chapters about other governmental commissions (i.e., the Rogers Commission, the Meese Commission, etc.). It will be called Governmental Commission Communication--I will send you a copy when published (at the end of "92 or early '93).

Now I do have one request for a favor. When I moved down here I somehow managed to misplace the FBI files I copied from your house. I have the sources for all but two written down. I was wondering whether you could help me fill in the gaps that I am unable to locate. The first is an intra-Bureau memo regarding a request by the Commission for the autopsy report on Kennedy. At the bottom of this memo Hoover scrawled, "If the Warren Commission is going to re run down every wily newspaper story it will never finish. H." What I need is the date of this memo, who it was from and to, and was it part of 62-109090 (Liaison with Commission) or 62-109060 (The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy). The second one I know the date, March 12, 1964. The content of this memo is a discussion is a request by Commission staff member David Belin that the FBI deliver firearms evidence to a third party. the memo reads:

> While we are, of course, mindful of the Director's instructions that we are to comply with all the Commission's requests . . . it is our feeling that it is undesirable for this Bureau to act as the transmission belt in delivering any evidence to outside examiners pursuant to the Commission's request . . .

Again, is this a 62-109090 or a 62-106060? Who is it to and from? Hoover wrote at the bottom in his famous scrawl, "I concur."

I know that you might be involved with other things, but I do know with your mind you probably might not even have to look them up.

I hope this finds you and Lil in good health, and best wishes for 1992. If you would like to call, please call me at home collect (919) 452-3268. I will try to find your phone number so that I can call you in a couple of weeks.

Sincerely,

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